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1. WANG Wei-chou (3769/4850/5207), chief of the National Minority Affairs Commission,¹ has stated that "some officials do not have enough acquaintance with the democratic principle of autonomy for the minority races; they consider the issue as a source of trouble and worry about the eventual breakup of the Chinese people as a result of this practice. They claim that since the People's Government belongs to the people, the minority nationals should not bother with so-called autonomy."

2. Another difficulty is non-cooperation among the races. According to WANG, "tremendous difficulties have arisen in the practice of autonomy and in the consolidation of the various races owing to long-standing feuds between them."
3. In some areas inhabited by minority nationals, Chinese officials are so overbearing that they patronize their counterparts and brand them as "backwards and hopeless". As a result they act on their own initiative and try to assume all authority. Only a few officials follow the prescribed routine, and many are jealous of some of the proficient officials among the minority nationals.

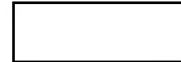
1. [] Comment. WANG has previously been reported as both chairman of the Minority Affairs Commission of the Southwest

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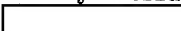
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Military and Administrative Committee and concurrently President of
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